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Dear Mr. Parsons:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-A political committee that has established a federal account and a non-federal account must allocate between its federal and non-federal account all expenses for administrative costs, generic voter drives and fundraising programs or events. 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)

Party committees must allocate any administrative expenses between the federal and non-federal accounts in proportion to the ballot composition method derived from FEC Schedule H1. 11 CFR §106.5

Schedule H2 is used by all political committees to report the allocation ratios of their joint federal and non-federal fundraising events and direct candidate support programs. Schedule H2 is filed with each report that discloses a disbursement for a shared activity. Schedule H3 is used by all political committees to report transfers received by the federal account from the non-federal account(s) to pay the non-federal share of allocable expenses.

Any expenditures made on behalf of both federal and non-federal candidates (including in-kind contributions, independent expenditures and coordinated expenditures) must also be allocated between your committee's

federal and non-federal accounts. Schedule H4 is used by all political committees to report payments for allocable expenses. 11 CFR §§106.1(a) and 106.5


Please clarify the procedures you are currently using to allocate shared activity. The Commission recommends that you take steps to correct any non-compliance with the regulations. Also, your committee should establish procedures to ensure future compliance with the allocation regulations.

-Your report does not include a Schedule H1 to disclose the ratio for the allocation of administrative and generic voter drive costs. This ratio is determined at the beginning of each two-year election cycle. All shared administrative and generic voter drive costs incurred during the two-year cycle must be allocated according to this ratio, unless the federal account elects to pay a higher percentage of its cost. 11 CFR §106.5(b)(2), (d)(1), (d)(2) and 11 CFR §§104.10(b)(1)(ii)(B) and 106.6(c)

-Please provide a Schedule H3 to support the entry reported on Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page. All transfers received from a committee's non-federal account for joint activity must be itemized on Schedule H3 regardless of the amount transferred. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3)(D)

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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